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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY U.S. MILITARY SHOOTING
TEAM TO GDR

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1. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE
VISIT WHEN IT APPROVED A REQUEST FOR TRAVEL CLEARANCE
FOR THE TEAM WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IN MARCH. WE HAVE
RECONSIDERED THE MATTER IN VIEW OF THE QUESTIONS POSED
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IN REFTEL. WE HAVE DECIDED TO RE-AFFIRM OUR APPROVAL
OF THE PARTICIPATION OF THE US TEAM IN VIEW OF THE
FOLLOWING:

A. THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE SHOOTING FEDERATION
OF THE GDR.

B. IT WILL TAKE PLACE WELL OUTSIDE BERLIN.

C. ALTHOUGH A MAJORITY OF THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE FROM MILITARY SERVICES, THE EVENT IS AN INTERNATIONAL SPORTING COMPETITION AND THE US TEAM WILL REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AND NOT A MILITARY SERVICE.

D. US MILITARY PERSONNEL HAVE PREVIOUSLY TAKEN PART IN SPORTING EVENTS IN THE GDR AND IN EAST BERLIN, INCLUDING PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR MATCHES IN SUHL.

E. IF THE US TEAM REQUIRES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 5B OF REFTTEL, IT CAN BE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY BERLIN. OTHERWISE, WE BELIEVE THAT A PROPERLY BRIEFED TEAM CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE MATCH WITHOUT AN IN-COUNTRY ESCORT.

2. WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO INFORMING THE BONN GROUP OF OUR INTENTIONS, BUT DO NOT BELIEVE THAT COORDINATION OF POLICIES IS REQUIRED. VANCE

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